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## ANOTHER HATCHET STORY.

LITTLE DAVE (who occasionally DOES deviate from the line of strict veracity).—I may not be able to hack this down; but I'll try to ruin it, anyhow!



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

HON. DAVID BENNETT HILL,  
U. S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:—

We recently had the pleasure of addressing you on the subject of your Democracy. Taking for text the famous, yet simple phrase, "I am a Democrat," we endeavored delicately to suggest to you that your claim to sole ownership in the sentiment thus expressed was likely to be disputed by some 5,538,232 other Democrats of voting age and full citizenship. On the present occasion, the few remarks that we take the liberty of addressing to you will be devoted not to the discussion of your Democracy, but to a consideration of the character and condition of the gray matter of your brain and the development of bacilli and other insect life therein.

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It is most interesting, Mr. Hill, to note the effect of presidential bacteria in a brain like yours. Caterpillars in a two-year-old pear-tree are nothing to it. We need only sketch the history of your case to prove that the caterpillars are not in it with the bacteria that have weakened your intellect. The beginning of the year 1891 found you in fair mental health. Your mind was not naturally large, nor have you broadened it by education or experience; but it was active, energetic and industrious, and quite adequate for your personal needs. Hitherto it had served you well. But the fatal germs of presidential aspiration were already breeding in the sinuous convolutions of your brain, and were soon to get in their deadly work. So far, however, they gave no sign. Your reputation for smartness was undimmed by any serious cloud. It is true, you had once got yourself elected Governor by openly and shamelessly selling out the leader of your party, who was then running for the Presidency; but your case at the time was desperate, and loyalty was never much in your line. And so, at that date you may fairly be considered to have been mentally sound and well conditioned.

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So far, your brain had certainly served you well. You began life as a small district politician in Elmira, and you had got to be Governor of the Empire State by the use of that brain—for certainly it was not your heart that won your position for you. You were, moreover, in spite of some opposition, unquestionably the choice of your party for the office you held. And although you were not personally a popular man, although you could boast of no magnetic attraction, yet you had built up for yourself, by the skillful and unscrupulous use of other men's greed and selfish ambition, what is known as a machine—a party-following so strong that, within the limits of party organization, it could and would give you everything that you desired. Nor, so long as your desires were reasonable, were your followers likely to receive any violent check from the people; for the opposition you had excited was no greater than any demagogue must expect to excite. And it was confined, principally, to the class of people who do more thinking than voting. Consequently, when you asked your followers to send you to the United States Senate, they promptly did so; and the people looked on,—most with calm indifference, some with a mild curiosity,—to know what you were going to do and what was going to happen to you in a place for which you were little fitted by education, character or experience.

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This would have satisfied most men, and ought to have satisfied even a man of your sort; and undoubtedly it would have satisfied you, if that presidential bacillus had not been battenning on your brain-tissue. Had you been in your normal condition of mental health, you would have said to yourself: "Here I have exhausted the last resources of political machinery; here I must stop for the present. If I am to go further, I must advance by other methods than those which I have hitherto employed. I am now dealing, not with the people of my own state alone, but with the people of the whole United States. If I am to take the one step forward which I desire to take, it must be with their consent, if not at their instance." And this is precisely what you would have said, if it had not been for that same hungry, unsatisfied bacillus. But the nasty little germ

was getting in its fine work; and, as usual, it had attacked the perceptive faculties first. Your mental vision was no longer clear. You could not see the People.

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In fact, you had not seen the People for a long while, or you would have known two things: first, that whatever they might come to think of you in time, you had done nothing yet, and had been nothing yet, to make the People want you for a President; second, that there was another man in your party who had, by his character and his achievements, endeared himself to the majority of the voters of this country, and had certainly won the right to be considered before you—if you were to be considered at all in the matter. But the bacillus was there, clouding your faculties with smaller members of the bacillus family, and you could see your machine, and nothing beyond it. Having the machine, you did not consider the People necessary to your further advancement, and you promptly proceeded to insult them. The bacillus had you in his grip, and you forgot that while the People are often thoughtless, negligent and easy-going in local political matters, they have a sentiment about national affairs that is growing more strong and more sensitive with every year; and this sentiment you seriously offended when you undertook, for reasons of your own, to hold, at one and the same time, the offices of Governor of the State of New York and Senator of the United States. That was a mistake. It irritated every Democratic voter who retains a sense of his right to be represented, rather than bossed, by his party leaders. But it was a small thing, Mr. David Bennett Hill, compared with the mistake you made when you decided to substitute your machine for the people in the election of delegates for the National Convention, and undertook to "fix things" so that the delegation from your state should go to Chicago instructed to vote, not for the choice of the People, but for your choice of yourself. That, Mr. David Bennett Hill, was a slap right in the face of every Democratic voter from Maine to New Mexico. Out of the five-million-and-a-quarter of them there are probably some who will take that slap without resenting it; but there are more who will not stand that sort of treatment from you or any other man, big or little, who ever lived. And if you sent a packed delegation to Chicago from New York and every other state in the Union, you would hear from that self-respecting majority, first in June, then in November of the year 1892. The New York machine may make you Senator; it can never make you President until the rest of the Democratic voters of the United States take to wearing petticoats. That is our prognosis of your very interesting case of bacilli.



PUSHED FOR TIME.

SUBURBAN RESIDENT.—I thought you told the new servant girl to clean those windows.

HIS BETTER HALF.—I did. But she didn't have time to do it before she left.



#### A WARNING.

COL. SWORDS (*Late of the Sleenth Cavalry*).—Ah, good morning, Miss Dasher. Very fond of horse-back riding, I believe?

MISS DASHER.—Very much so, indeed. Decidedly healthy exercise, don't you think?

COL. SWORDS.—Yes; oh, yes! But don't carry it to excess; just see how my figure has been ruined by being so much in the saddle.

#### TWO SEASONS.



WHEN THE air is calm and sunny,  
And the sward is smooth and green;  
When an overcoat looks funny,  
And a muff is never seen;  
When you hear the street bands thrumming,  
And the pavement's dry and clear,  
And you walk to business, humming,  
You may know the Winter's here!

When the ice is in the gutter,  
And the snow flake's on the wing;  
When we ride out in a cutter  
To the sleigh-bells' silvery jing,  
Then is the time to rhyme it,  
And in joyous praises sing  
The (in this consistent climate)  
Merry advent of the Spring.

*Madeline S. Bridges.*

#### GETTING PERSONAL.

RIVERS IDE.—This paper says that there was good skating at Central Park, last Saturday.

JIM HICKEY.—Good skating, eh! Then, some fresh reporter must have seen Miss Knowlton and me doing the outside edge together.

#### TOO DEAR.

"Pretty cheap sentiment, this," whispered the man next to him at the play.

"Dunno about that," was the answer; "I paid one dollar and fifty cents for my seat."

THERE WOULD BE no mysteries in this world if everything were looked into as often as a mirror is.

THE NEW COINS may be an improvement on the old ones, but they are undoubtedly equally shy and wary.

YOU CAN'T PUNISH a man for his evil intentions, and he often gets himself into a mess through his good ones.



#### DID N'T MENTION HER.

MRS. SPIGGS.—I know that woman was saying something horrid about me. I could tell by the way she looked at me.

MR. SPIGGS.—My dear, you do her injustice. She did n't mention you.

MRS. SPIGGS.—What did she say?

MR. SPIGGS.—She asked if I was near-sighted.

# MAVERICKS

Short Stories Rounded Up.

## THE JIGS OF ABNER PEABODY.

NOBODY COULD dance more fluently than Abner Peabody. Time and place mattered little, so that he had inspiration in the form of music. He floated into a dance, then, as naturally as boarders float into the dining-room when the bell rings.



And speaking of boarders recalls the fact that Mr. Peabody was a favorite in his boarding-house. He was not a funny man, hardly a genial one; as a card-player he was ordinary; as a banjo-player he was a failure, mainly because he beat time so hard with his feet that he threw himself out of tune; he did not dress flagrantly; he was disposed to be reserved in speech and conduct; he did not give away many cigars; he seldom bought candy. But the landlady liked him because he was a light eater of meat, and paid regularly; Bridget liked

him because she often found keys and pennies strewn about the floor, as if shaken from his pockets — though she always returned the keys; most of the boarders liked him because he was always willing to resign the last chop, and could be counted on to dance when festivities occurred in the parlor; but two regarded him with dislike.

Emanuel Hennessy had taken offense at some strictures that Mr. Peabody once made as to the desirability of the 17th of March, and Matilda Greer was jealous of the landlady. Miss Greer had come to an age when she no longer expected attentions from gentlemen, but by the same token she was exacting in the matter of food, and what she paid for she intended to have.

Things came to a pass one evening when chicken soup was announced for dinner. Miss Greer came late to table, and she was willing to make affidavit that the chicken in her soup was veal; but she had looked into Peabody's plate, and had seen feathers. (It should be remarked in parenthesis that when the landlady discovered this cause of complaint, the soup was always afterward decorated from the pillows.) If there was anything that Miss Greer disliked it was a partial boarding-house, and she said so that evening at the tiddley-winks meeting in Miss Mulsifer's room. Oddly enough, on the same night, Mr. Hennessy had a rock-and-rye party in his chamber on the fourth floor back, and the sins of Mr. Peabody, in respect of the 17th of March, were laid before the body in their shameless daring.

Each of these conspirators held a quiet tongue at meals, a thing easy to do where there is work for jaws; but kept a deal of thinking as to how Mr. Peabody might be reproved; while he, poor innocent, continued to enjoy the favor of his keepers, and could call for a second plate of pie with a confidence that few others in the room either felt or affected.

Shortly after, in the middle of a dinner, Clara Casteyne, who had just been to Maillard's with her young man and had left her appetite there, began to practice on the piano in the parlor overhead. As the music struck into a brisk measure, Mr. Peabody was visibly agitated. His legs became restless and irresponsible, and he clung to his chair with one hand, while eagerly plying his knife with the other. At last he dropped the knife, arose, and with a blitheness of step that made the gravity of his face seem deeper, he went upstairs in time to the music, sighing regretfully all the way. This incident did not pass unnoticed by Miss Greer and Mr. Hennessy, and they commented on it when the other boarders had drifted away.

Discussion led to an exchange of confidences between them, and they were talking in low tones when the music stopped, and Mr. Peabody unexpectedly descended into the dining-room, and asked if he could have his dessert. The landlady brought it from the kitchen with her own hands, and set it before him, expressing a hope that he was not ill.

"Not at all, Madam. Only a turn — a few turns. I — ah — would regard it as a favor, Madam, if Miss Casteyne would practice before dinner."

"I will speak to her. Do you like the shortcake?"

"Excellent, Madam."

"She gave him five," muttered Miss Greer, at the other end of the table.

"Five pieces?" gasped Mr. Hennessy.

"No; berries."

"I'll wager it's two more than any of the rest of us had," grumbled Mr. Hennessy.

"She's actually giving him a second plate," said Miss Greer, starting to her feet. "It's favoritism; that's what it is."

A hard light came into her eyes; she flung out of the room, and half a minute later the piano was going again. As the air of "The Irish Washerwoman" rang out, Mr. Peabody groaned and tried to finish his second helping of shortcake; but though he used his utmost speed, his agitation increased so fast that the spoon fell from his fingers, he sprang to his feet, and went careering up the stairs.

After the door had shut, a rhythmic jar was audible in his room, and the china vases on his mantel could be heard to jingle. "The Irish Washerwoman" was rollicking from the piano louder and more briskly than ever. Bridget presently knocked at the Peabody chamber, and asked:

"Is it sick ye are, sor?"

"Nope," came in a labored tone from within.

"The mistress have sint me up wid yer tay, sor."

"All — right. Come — in."

As Bridget opened the door, she was so astonished that the tea-cup almost fell from her hand, for Mr. Peabody had thrown off his coat, kicked his shoes into opposite corners, and was removing his necktie while dancing furiously. His face was sorrowful and sweaty.

"It is — quite warm," he puffed, still dancing. "Will you — please open the — window? Thanks. I would — like that tea — very mu-u-uch, if I — thought I could manage; —" and with an all-hands-around movement he caught the cup as he passed, and tried to drink; but at that instant the player in the parlor started afresh, louder and livelier than ever, and Mr. Peabody, keeping time, spilled half of the tea on his trousers.

"Dear! Dear! It's quite — unpleasant! Whew! But I really can not — take like this — at least, from a — cup. Do you suppose there's — a nursing-bottle — in the house?"

"I'll see, sor."

"And who — is play-ing on the — piano, this time?"

"Miss Greer, sor."

"O-o-oh! Why will she — do it?"

"I don't know, sor. Will I bring yer tay in a bottle, sor?"

"If — you — please."

And it was so administered. These facts were drawn from Bridget by a limited but judicious outlay of coin and sympathy after the piano had become silent, about nine o'clock. At breakfast next morning

"The Irish Washerwoman" broke forth again with vicious energy. Mr. Peabody, taken unaware, was seized with a jig at the table and his coffee went into the hash. He was confused by the stern regard of Mr. Hennessy, and assuming a calm that he did not feel, he tried to eat deliberately; but as his feet were dancing under the table his movements were erratic, and twice he dipped marmalade into the bosom of his



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shirt. At last, as he was rising, with a groan, the music stopped and he sadly finished his meal. The November elections were at hand, and it was well known that Mr. Peabody was not without a hope of being able to serve his country as an alderman. He needed the place, because the hosiery trade, in which he was embarked, had been suffering depression. As a matter of fact, he received the Republican nomination, and, as the Second Ward was strongly Republican, the district boss told him that he was as good as elected, and assured him two hundred dollars for campaign expenses. But there was an obstacle of which he had not wotted. He had never dreamed of a need of wotting it. This obstacle was Mr. Hennessy. That gentleman had called at the office of the Democratic committee and had spent an hour in secret converse with the owner of the city, with results that apparently put Mr. Hennessy into a state of content.

Two nights before election a meeting was held in Pentagon Square to indorse the candidates, the platform being enlivened with lanterns, bunting and orators. There were also a throng and twenty dollars' worth of fireworks.

When Mr. Peabody's turn came to address the multitude he was allowed barely time to allude to the Constitution, and the grand old war-horse of the party who had just spoken, before a band, concealed in the crowd, disclosed itself with "The Irish Washerwoman," played *forte* and *scherzo*. Mr. Peabody jumped, his jaw fell and his eyes started. Then he clutched the rail, but he could not keep himself down. He began to dance.

"Hold my legs!" he said, in a loud and urgent whisper to the grand old war-horses of the party who sat behind him; but the horses did not move; in fact, one of them said, audibly, that the misuse of liquor was to be regretted.

"Hold my legs, will you?" repeated Mr. Peabody, hanging to the rails, and now dancing so high that his coat-tails came to the level of his ears.

"Oh, will some of you stop me, or else stop that band?" he continued, with anger now mingled in his regret.

But none seemed to understand the situation, and as the music continued faster and faster the dance went on with greater fury, Mr. Peabody clinging to the bar and occasionally reaching such an elevation that his legs, hanging in space, seemed to form with his arms an inverted letter V. The populace gazed with surprise at his actions, and several people ventured remarks of disapproval. The beating of Mr. Peabody's feet on the boards raised a dust that made the war-horses cough.

Suddenly, a voice was heard above the din of the band and the dance: "Ye'll cast asper-r-rsions on the Siventieth of March, will ye, ye milk-livered devil? Dance, now, to a good old St. Patrick's Day tune. Jig lively."

"Is that — you, Hen-nessy?" cried Mr. Peabody, with a shuffle and a jump. "Get 'em — to stop it, that's — a good fel-low."

"I'm not a good fellow to the like of you. Dance, will you! Look at that, now," he added in affected admiration as the soloist on the platform almost flung a somersault.

"It's a con-spiracy!" panted Mr. Peabody. "I hope, gentle-men, that — you will not con-sider me guilty — of frivolous con-duct. Please kill that — band. The fact — is, my father and mother were dancing tea-chers, and I — was born at — a ball. My birth mark — is jigs. Where — are the po-lice? I did — hope that — I should be — able to get through — this campaign without — making an ex-hibition of my-self; but it is impos-sible for me to hear music — without dancing — so the — mischief is done and Hennessy — has done it."

The music stopped. Mr. Peabody stopped. He was not elected.



C. S. Montgomery.

#### WITH BETTER CONSCIENCE.

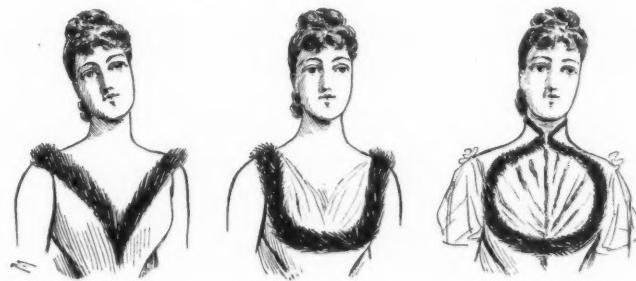
MR. PROSPECT HYTES.—I hope this scheme for the consolidation of the two cities goes through.

MR. MURRAY HILL.—Why?

MR. PROSPECT HYTES.—Then when I go out of town I can register from New York without lying.

#### A DISTINGUISHING DEVICE.

*The three BROWN girls look so much alike that they have adopted the following device in order that their friends may be able to distinguish one from the other:*



VIOLA.

URSULA.

OLIVE.

#### A SOUND BASE IS VALUABLE.

OLD SNAGGS.—Hain't you ashamed to be at the foot o' yer class, Tommy?

TOMMY.—I don't know why I should be, Popper; the foot's the foundation, is n't it?

A STRIKING SITUATION—Twenty-four Hours' Time a Day and No Wages.

TROUSERS ARE A good deal like their wearers. When old age leaves them bald and shiny above, there is usually a beard-like fringe down below.



#### AN EXCUSE.

BURGLAR (*appearing unexpectedly*).—Lookin' fer anybody, gent?

MAN OF THE HOUSE (*on the warpath*).—Ah — why — er — excuse me — yes — no — Why, you see, the fact is, the doctor — er — told me to take exercise with Indian clubs; I — er — must have gotten this pistol by mistake.



## FLUCTUATIONS IN FASHION.

ETHEL.—I did hear that the new hats were to be large and flat this coming season; but I did not suppose they would attain such gigantic proportions!



(Ethel's lorgnette is for sale.)

## THE BLACKING-OUT PROCESS.

"I hear," said the Russian traveler, "that in America there is no such person as a press censor."

"Well," returned his interviewer, "that shows that you have been greatly misinformed. Wait till you see the holes the city editor will knock out of my copy!"

## ELIGIBLE.

"Shippen Clarke a member of the Authors' Club! What did he ever write?"

"His application for membership."

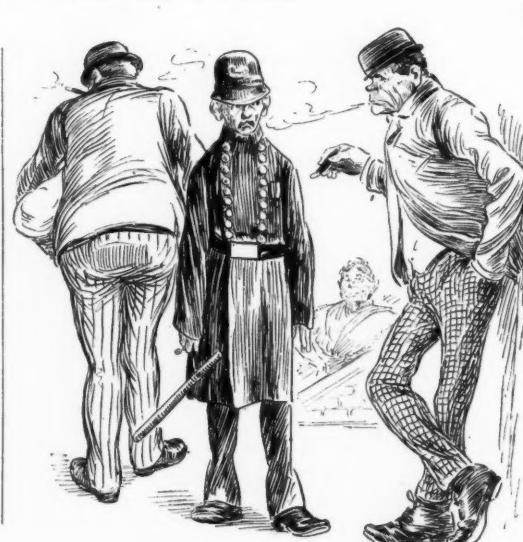
## KISSES IT.

Whene'er my true love's mouth I scan  
It seems to me to be a  
Good opening for a clever man—  
And I act on that idea.

## THE WRONG MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE.



THE BROBDIGNAGGIAN AT MADISON SQUARE —



—AND THE LILLIPUTIAN AT HELL'S KITCHEN.

**"HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL."**  
The postman's whistle, down the street,  
May bring us woe as well as weal;  
But when he passes on his beat,  
And does n't call — how glum we feel!

**ON THE SAME SUBJECT.**

BOSTON GIRL (*in Chicago*).—Have you "A Cigarette-Maker's Romance?"

BOOK-SELLER.—No; but perhaps "My Lady Nicotine" would do instead.

**THE POET MUSES.**  
O Pipe! Sweet, gentle Pipe!  
In thee I trust.  
(I'd rather smoke a good cigar,  
But, then — I'm bust.)



## NOT SO BAD.

MR. EISENBAUM.—Veil, mein sohn, how vos business  
ven I vos ouwt?

EISENBAUM, JR.—I solt von pair of von tollar pants.

MR. EISENBAUM.—Dot vos poor.

EISENBAUM, JR.—Von pair of von tollar pants for  
t'ree tollars an' a kewater.

MR. EISENBAUM.—Goot! Goot! You vill make a  
business man yedt.

## HE BEAT THE TATTOO.

REPORTER.—Great fun up at the dime museum  
to-night — the one-legged drummer ran a race  
with one of the freaks.

SPORTING EDITOR.—Who won?

REPORTER.—Look at the heading.

## BREAKING THE NEWS.

HUSBAND.—I should like to know what  
made you tell Robinson that you were  
going to Florida this year?

WIFE.—He asked me.

## TOO SYMPATHETIC.

FARMER STRAWSTACK (*to DENTIST*).—  
Say, doc.; the tooth next to that one  
aches, too.

DENTIST.—Yes; in sympathy.

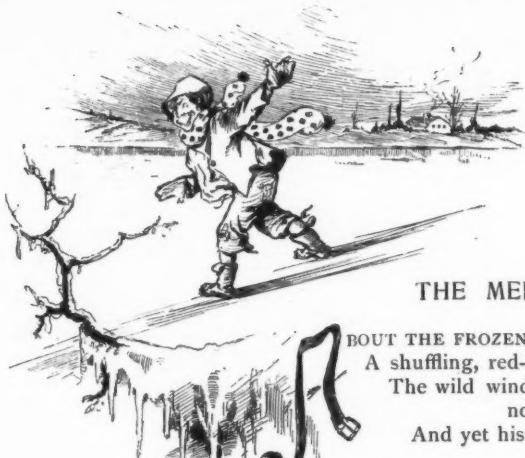
FARMER STRAWSTACK.—Gol durn sech  
sympathy! Yank 'er out!

## ALMOST UNDERGROUND.

"The safest place in New York in case of  
a bombardment would be in the *Sun* office."

"Why so?"

"It is surrounded by so many tall and  
solidly constructed buildings."



## THE MERRY SLIDER.

BOUT THE FROZEN pond he goes —  
A shuffling, red-haired, freckled lad.  
The wild wind bites his ears and  
nose,  
And yet his heart is glad.

He wears a blouse that sadly fits,  
His shoes are broken and too large,  
Yet he is merry while he flits  
About the mill-pond's marge.

He has no skates all silver bright  
On which to fly in airy style —  
Pathetic he appears despite  
His spreading, homely smile.

Upon the shining ice he stands,  
And with unceasing effort blows  
Upon his horny, freckled hands,  
And dances till he glows.

He has to dance or suffer the  
Wild gusts that through his garments  
glide,  
And still he smiles contentedly  
A smile long, deep and wide.

He wonders if he 'll see the day  
When he on nickel skates may skim,  
And rich mens' sons will deign to play  
On equal terms with him.

No one will smile upon him now  
While o'er the frozen plain he glides;  
But he is happy — just see how  
He runs and madly slides!

He slides and slides and shouts care-free,  
As though defying all the fates,  
And dreaming in his boundless glee  
That he is shod with skates.

None other, though aglow with joy,  
Is happier skating in his pride  
Then this poor freckled homely boy  
With his great frantic slide.

R. K. Munkittrick.



## SOULFUL LONGINGS.

MR. MULHOOLY (*at the Zoölogical Garden*).—Sure it's  
longin' fur liberty these poor moonkeys are.

LITTLE DAUGHTER.—Is that what makes them look  
so Irish?

## FRANCES'S INTERPRETATION.

Little Frances had two apples. One was a very large one, and the other was decidedly small.

One of them she was to give to her papa, and the other was to be for herself.

As Frances is but four years old, her mama tries to inculcate in her young mind the Golden Rule, and to induce Frances to guide her actions by its teaching.

In this case Frances manifested an intention to give her papa the smaller apple, when her mama said to her:

"Now, Frances, you know the Golden Rule, don't you?"

"Yes, 'm," replied the tot; "do to uvvers what you'd have uvvers do to you."

"Just so," said Mama. "Now, if Papa had those two apples, which would you like him to give to you?"

"Dis," replied Frances, promptly, holding out at arm's length the small apple, and keeping the other snuggled up to her bosom.

William Henry Siviter.

## A CHEMICAL CHANGE.



FARMER BALDWIN taking his load to the cider mill.



FARMER BALDWIN taking his load home from the cider mill.



J. O'Connor Lith. Co., New York, N.Y.

### THE END OF AN AMBITION

DEPARTED STATESMEN.—We, too, sought the Presidency all our lives, and had to do without it at last!



## DASENT SOLESBY.



NCE UPON A TIME a Novelist was walking through a New York street late at night, wondering how he was going to raise another novel out of his poor overworked brain without putting some phosphates or nitrates or other top-dressing on it. When a novelist's brain needs top-dressing, he goes to Europe or to California or Bermuda: but how can you go if you have n't got the money? And that was the trouble with this novelist.

Suddenly a garbage-cart rattled along the roadway, and a gust of wind blew some ashes into the novelist's eyes and a piece of paper to his feet. He picked up the piece of paper, and saw a name written on it:

## DASENT SOLESBY.

He was a little superstitious. Genius and the uncertainty of the public taste tend to make novelists superstitious.

"Fate has come to my aid!" he said. "This is the name of my hero, and this shall be the title of my next book. George Meredith could n't have found a better one. Dasent Solesby! Why, there's romance, adventure and character in every syllable of it! I'll lay the plot out before I go to bed."

He was a conscientious novelist. They always are when they are hard-up. For six months he worked hard on his new novel, and he carried Dasent Solesby through three hundred and fifty pages of all sorts of romantic agonies. When he had finished the novel he was very well satisfied with it.

"This," he said, "is what comes of writing from inspiration. I could never have produced such a life-like work if I had had to invent a name for my hero."

Then he sent his manuscript to his publisher, and his publisher wrote him back: "My dear boy, it is the best thing you have done yet. Come down to-morrow and let us talk business."

So the next day the novelist got up and shaved himself, which he did not always do in the morning, and started off for his publisher's. He was so happy and so full of thoughts of Dasent Solesby and the triumph that the book was sure to make, that it did not strike him as at all odd when he opened his morning paper in the horse-car, and read a great black "scare-head:"

## DASENT SOLESBY LEADS THEM ALL.

But the bright, sunny morning grew cold and dark and overcast when he read on:

The Probable Victor in the Great Six-Day Oyster-Opening Match.

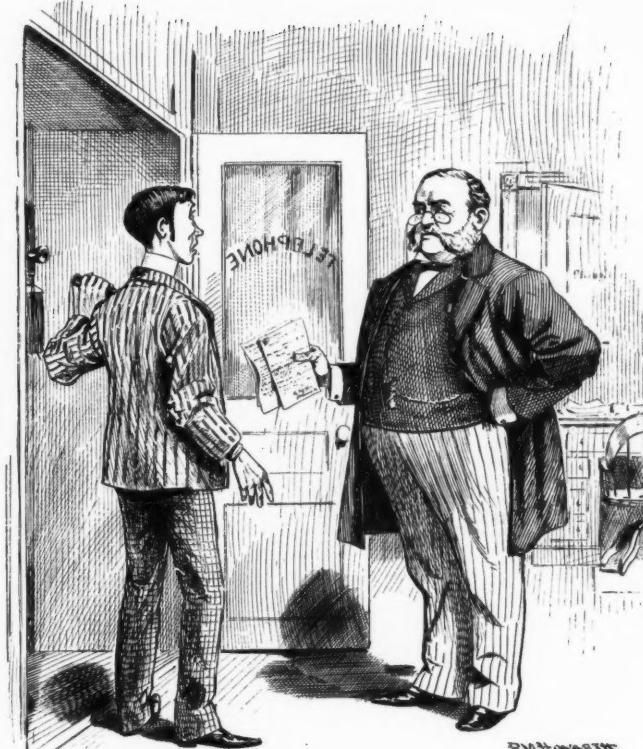
## Solesby Opens 3,307 in the First 12 Hours, Leading Cassidy by 231, Guggenheim by 407. The Much-Vaunted Finnegan Nowhere.

Mr. Dasent Solesby, the most popular oyster and clam dealer of the Sixth Ward, bids fair to be the victor in the *Whirled*'s great Six-Day Oyster-Opening Match. Mr. T. Finnegan, the champion of Walker St., retired from the contest last night distanced by 779 shells.

When the novelist had got through explaining to his publisher that he had not been hired by the *Whirled* to give that enterprising paper the benefit of a refined literary advertisement, he went home to try to think of a name for his new novel and its hero. If you happen to think of one, please send it to him. There is plenty of time, for the publisher says the whole manuscript will have to be copied over, or the story will get out through the printers and spoil the sale of the book.

What sort of a name would a man named Dasent Solesby have if his name was n't Dasent Solesby, any how?

LUCIFER WAS Star of the Morning, and he fell. Modern stars therefore stick to evening performances.



F. J. O'Conor.

## AN ADVANTAGE.

EMPLOYER.—You are having a decided flirtation with the girl who has charge of our telephone wire!

TRUTHFUL CLERK (with cold chills running up and down his spine, and with visions of instant discharge).—Y-e-e-s, sir; but, please, sir—

EMPLOYER.—Well, keep it up. She will give more attention to our calls, if you do.

## THE OTHER SIDE OF IT.

MRS. PRIM (of Boston).—Divorce is an unpleasant subject.

MRS. WEEPTIT (of Chicago).—Yes; but it frees us from an unpleasant master!

## NO FEAR OF SPIES.

CITIZEN (mysteriously).—I believe that stranger is a foreign spy who has come here to study up our harbor defences.

NAVAL OFFICER.—Don't worry. He won't find any to study.

## JOY.

I love to sit upon the fence  
And whittle it all day;  
Because it is my neighbor's fence,  
And he has gone away.

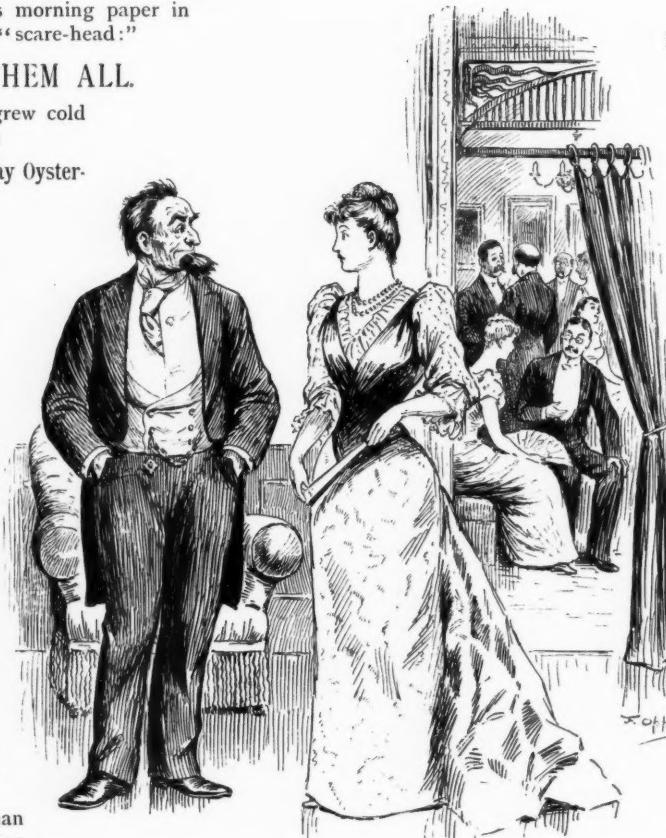
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IT IS THE man at the "little end of the horn" who does the work that blares out elsewhere to the admiration of the crowd.

MANY MEN WHO complain of working "as hard as a truck-horse," probably allude to the time that the truck is standing on the corner waiting for a job.

## A CATCH PHRASE — Sick Him!

THE WOMAN who sent her color-blind husband out to match some cloth, just fainted in an ecstasy of happiness at the hint his labors gave her for a combination suit.



## ANYTHING TO OBLIGE.

HOSTESS.—Are you fond of Kipling?

MR. GAIMES (of Chicago).—Never played it; but I'd just as soon take a hand as not—I s'pose I could pick it up easy enough!

*PUCK.*

AN APPEAL TO THE MAGAZINE  
EDITORS.

DEAR MISTER EDITORS, I pray,  
Do let up on our feelin's,  
An' with a happier set o' folks  
Jist cultivate some dealin's.

The heros an' the heroines  
'At wunst used to delight us,  
I 'clar' to gracious, now air naught  
But bugaboos to fright us.

Ye drown 'em, freeze 'em, burn 'em up,  
Ye separate an' blight 'em,  
Till it jist fairly makes me mad  
There's nobody to right 'em.

It's come to readin' magazines  
Is sort o' sinful folly,  
If a body 'scapes the 'sylum, why,  
They catch the melancholy.

What have we done that we should thus  
Each month be set to weepin'?  
Sure, many a bit o' happiness  
From life's real page is peepin'.

So, Mister Editors, I say,  
Do let up on our feelin's,  
An' with a happier set o' folks  
Jist cultivate some dealin's.

*Anna Pierpont Siviter.*



IF SENSIBLE FOR ONE, WHY NOT  
FOR THE OTHER?

A CLIPPED HORSE'S SUGGESTION FOR A WINTER DAY.

THE POET WEEPS.

The little oil-stove that I lately got,  
Only gives heat on the days that are hot —  
If the mercury drops to the point marked *Freeze*,  
That little stove registers 20°.

HIS OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY.

CHERRITY.—On Washington's Birthday every American citizen should meditate on the excellent qualities of the Father of his Country.

WELLES.—I do more than that. I always make it a rule invariably to tell the truth on the 22nd of February every year.

A CORRECT SIMILE.

Though old, the simile is apt;  
For true as needle e'er can be  
To the Pole am I to her; and yet  
She's cold as is the Pole to me.

*P. McArthur.*



A PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION.

MR. STARZENSTRIKE (*to English Friend*).—I tell you, my boy, we Americans are a proud, free race of people — no servile submissiveness, no bowing down and cringing here!

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BOGGS.—There is one crime that can never be charged against the Republican party.

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BOGGS.—Betraying a Trust.

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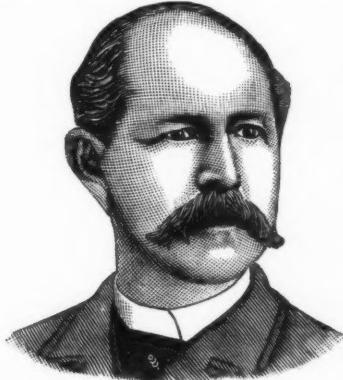
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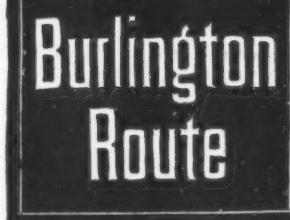
"It does," returned Cellini; "Daniel in the lion's den is the subject."

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PORTER.—Dis am only a quartah, sah!

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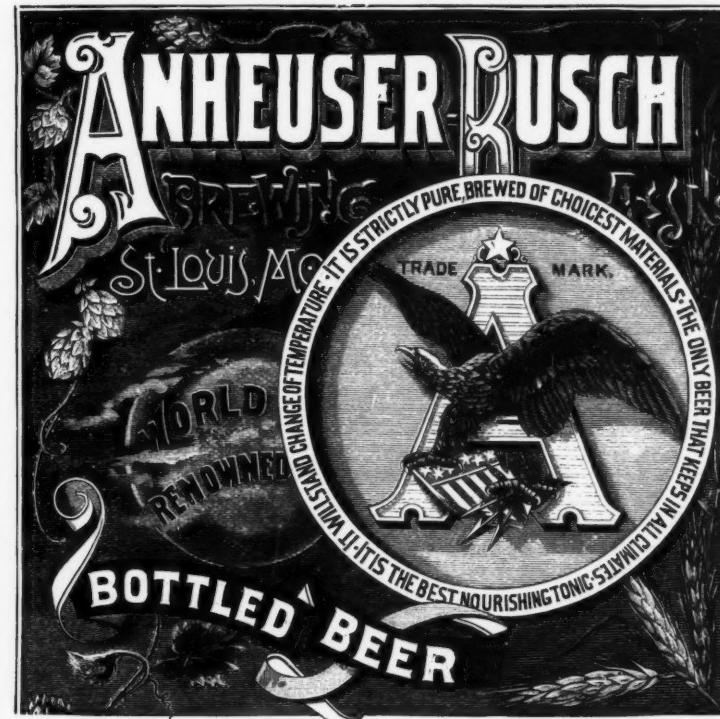
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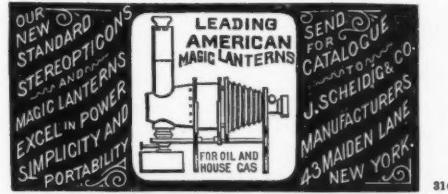
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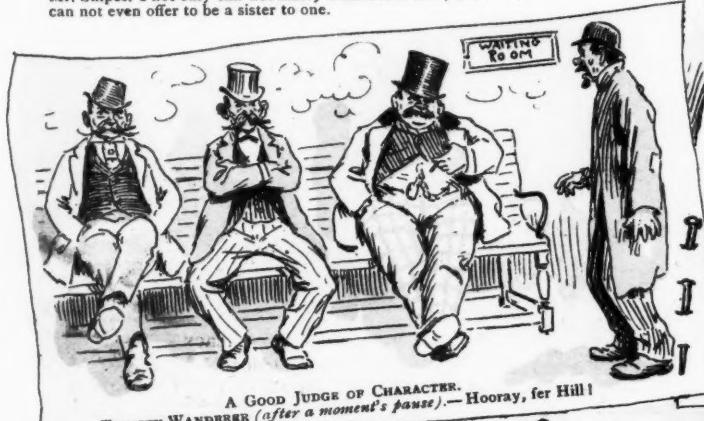


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